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SUBJ: AGREEMENT ON FIAT PRODUCTION CUTBACK

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1. FOLLOWING SOME 36 HOURS OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS, REPRESENTATIVES OF FIAT MANAGEMENT AND OF THE MAJOR METAL WORKERS UNIONS HAVE AGREED TO A SCHEME CALLING FOR 18 WORK-FREE DAYS FOR 70,000 WORKERS DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH. THE PLAN INCORPORATES A WORK-FREE "BRIDGE" ALREADY AGREED TO FOR EASTER.

2. THIRTEEN DAYS WILL BE COVERED BY THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS OF THE WAGE SUPPLEMENT FUND (GIVING THE WORKERS, IN EFFECT, MORE THAN 90 0/0 OF THEIR LOST WAGES). THE OTHER FIVE DAYS WILL REPRESENT AN ADVANCE ON THE FOURTH WEEK OF ANNUAL PAID VACATION TO WHICH FIAT WORKERS ARE ENTITLED THIS YEAR PURSUANT TO

THE PLANT CONTRACT.

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3. THIS PLAN RESULTS FROM FIAT'S NEED TO CUTBACK PRODUCTION

IN ORDER TO REDUCE THEIR STOCK OF 340,000 UNSOLD CARS AND SOME
15,000 UNITS OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY. DURING THE 18 DAY NOW
AGREED TO, DAILY AUTO PRODUCTION WILL BE CUT FROM 6300 UNITS
TO 1,000. IT IS MANAGEMENT'S INTENT TO REDUCE THE AUTO
STOCKPILE TO NO MORE THAN 280,000 CARS.VOLPE

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